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NEWSPAPERS:

NEW YORK TIMES (GWERTZMAN, DAR ES SALAAM) --- P. 1
HEADLINE: KISSINGER IN AFRICA ON MEDIATION TRIP; MEETING
SKEPTICISM

"SECSTATE KISSINGER ARRIVED HERE TONIGHT AT START OF
A MEDIATION MISSION IN SOUTHERN AFRICA THAT HE HOPES
WILL CONVINCE BLACK LEADERS OF AMERICAN SINCERITY IN
SEEKING PEACEFUL SOLUTIONS ON S-W AFRICA AND RHODESIA."
"BUT INDICATIVE OF SKEPTICISM THAT HAS GREETED SURGE OF
AMERICAN INTEREST IN AFRICA IN RECENT MONTHS, TANZANIAN
GOVT ISSUED STATEMENT QUESTIONING DEPTH OF AMERICAN
COMMITMENT TO BLACK MAJORITY RULE IN SOUTHERN AFRICA."

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STATEMENT, SAID TO REPRESENT FRONT-LINE PRESIDENTS, ASKED
HAK TO DECLARE THAT "US WOULD SUPPLY MILITARY AID TO
THE BLACK GUERRILAS" IF PEACE EFFORTS FAILED.

ARTICLE CONTINUED WITH PARENTHETICAL CALLING ATTENTION TO SMITH-VORSTER MEETING (SEPARATE ARTICLE), AND QUOTING FROM TANZANIAN STATEMENT.

ARTICLE THEN FOCUSED ON ARRIVAL STATEMENT, QUOTING HAK THAT UNDERTAKING WAS FOR AFRICANS, WOULD CONTINUE ONLY IF ENCOURAGED, THAT ALL STEPS ARE COORDINATED WITH FRONT-LINE PRESIDENTS.

"MR KISSINGER HOPES TO MAKE PROGRESS TOWARD SETTING UP THE FRAMEWORK FOR ROUND-TABLE NEGOTIATIONS TO LEAD TO INDEPENDENCE FOR S-W AFRICA... AND TO GET COMMITMENTS FROM WHITES AND BLACKS IN RHODESIA TO A BRIT-AMER FORMULA FOR EVENTUAL BLACK MAJORITY RULE IN RHODESIA."

HAK CONFERRED BY PHONE WITH CROSLAND FROM ZURICH, AND MET TONIGHT WITH BRITISH DIPLOMAT SAMUEL, "WHO IS TRAVELING WITH MR KISSINGER IN SOUTHERN AFRICA.

"BOTH US AND BRITAIN BELIEVE THAT IF SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS IS MADE ON THIS 10-DAY TO TWO-WEEK PERIOD OF SHUTTLE DIPLOMACY IT WILL PROBABLY BE IN S-W AFRICA, ALSO KNOWN AS NAMIBIA."

FEW HOURS AFTER ARRIVAL, GOT ISSUED "SHUTTLE DIPLOMACY: THE POSITIVE AND THE NEGATIVE."

"AMERICAN OFFICIALS SAID THEY REGARDED THE STATEMENT AS NOT DAMAGING TO MR. KISSINGER'S EFFORTS BUT RATHER AS INDICATIVE OF THE SUSPICIONS IN BLACK AFRICA ABOUT HAK'S INTENTIONS."

GWERTZMAN ALSO MENTIONED DEMONSTRATIONS, PRESUMABLY WITH APPROVAL OF TANZANIAN GOVT, BUT "THIS WAS NOT TAKEN SERIOUSLY BY THE AMERICANS, WHO SAID THAT MR NYERERE HAD CALLED HAK AT HIS ROOM IN THE HOTEL TO WISH HIM A GOOD STAY."

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WASHINGTON POST (MARDER, DAR ES SALAAM) --- P. 1
HEADLINE: US URGED TO SUPPORT AFRICA REBELS

WITH A BLUNT TANZANIAN STATEMENT ASKING THE US TO DECLARE THAT IT WILL SUPPORT THE GUERRILLA FREEDOM FIGHTERS IN RHODESIAN AND NAMIBIA (S-W AFRICA) IF DIPLOMACY FAILS TO BRING QUICK BLACK-MAJORITY RULE."

DECLARATION SAID TO REPRESENT COMBINED VIEWS OF FIVE PRESIDENTS FROM SUMMIT CONFERENCE. STATEMENT SUSPICIOUS THAT HAK ATTEMPTS WILL END IN "IN TRANSIGENCE OF THE

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RACISTS." STATEMENT ALSO ASKED WHY, IF US SINCERE, US CAN'T SAY IT WILL BE ON SIDE OF THOSE WHO FIGHT FOR FREEDOM IF PEACEFUL TRANSFER IMPOSSIBLE.

HAK EMPHASIZED THAT SHUTTLE LAUNCHED SOLELY AT REQUEST OF NYERERE AND OTHER BLACK AFRICAN LEADERS.

"TO COUNTER THE IMPRESSION THAT HE HAS INTRUDED UNASKED INTO AFRICA'S RACIAL CONFLICT, HAK SAID: (QUOTATION ON COORDINATION).

AFRTICLE THEN MENTIONED DEMONSTRATIONS. MURREY NOTED THAT "IN THIS NATION, TIGHTLY RULED BY NYERERE, SUCH EVENTS CANNOT OCCUR WITHOUT OFFICIAL ACQUIESCENCE."

AFTER NOTING NYERERE'S PHONE CALL, MURREY OBSERVED THAT "THE SAME MIXTURE OF POINT-COUNTERPOINT IN THE TANZANIAN POSITIONS WAS REFLECTED IN THE GOVT STATEMENT THAT WAS ISSUED SOON AFTER HIS ARRIVAL TO WELCOME HIM TO DAR."

"PUBLICLY, TANZANIAN GOVT HAS TAKEN A MORE SUSPICIOUS VIEW OF HAK MISSION THAN IT IS CONVEYING IN PRIVATE, ACCORDING TO AMERICAN OFFICIALS. COMPARED TO ITS STIFF PUBLIC POSITION DURING THE PAST WEEK, GOVT'S STATEMENT ON THE HAK VISIT TODAY WAS REGARDED BY SPECIALISTS AS FAIRLY MODERATE BECAUSE IT CONCEDED SOME PROSPECTS FOR FURTHER DIPLOMACY...."

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STATEMENT EMPHASIZED THAT NEGOTIATION ATTEMPTS WITH VORSTER HAVE FAILED, BUT NOW TWO NEW FACTORS: ZIMBABWE PEOPLE'S ARMY AND DECLARED US SUPPORT FOR MAJORITY RULE. ON NEGATIVE SIDE, US LOCKED IN STRUGGLE WITH COMMUNISTS, AND LIBERATION MOVEMENTS GET SUPPORT FROM COMMUNIST COUNTRIES. SOUTH AFRICAN AND RHODESIAN OBJECTIVE IS TO LABEL ALL FREEDOM FIGHTERS AS COMMUNISTS.

HAK HAD NO IMMEDIATE COMMENT ON STATEMENT. HE CONFERRED BY PHONE WITH CROSLAND AND MEETS TONIGHT WITH SAMUEL, "WHO IS COORDINATING BRITISH STRATEGY ON THE SCENE WITH THE US.

HAK ALSO MET WITH SCHAUFELD.

NYERERE IS "DOMINANT FIGURE ON THE BLACK AFRICAN SIDE OF THE DIPLOMATIC JIGSAW PUZZLE THAT KISSINGER MUST PIECE TOGETHER IF HIS DIPLOMACY IS TO HAVE ANY HOPE OF SUCCESS."

"NYERERE IS DETERMINED THAT NO FOREIGN POWER WILL DICTATE TERMS TO BLACK AFRICA, ALTHOUGH HIS SOCIALIST COUNTRY RELIES CONSIDERABLY ON AID FROM CHINA -- WHICH NYERERE

DOES NOT PERCEIVE AS A THREAT."

MURREY CONCLUDES WITH DISCUSSION OF SOVIET AND CHINESE ROLES, NOTING THAT US AND USSR BOTH BACK NKOMO, IRONICALLY.

JOHN WALLACH (FROM BALTIMORE NEWS-AMERICAN, 9/14)--

"A COMPLEX WEEK OF SHUTTLE DIPLOMACY BEGINS HERE TODAY WITH THE ARRIVAL OF SECSTATE KISSINGER ON THE SAME DAY THAT LEADERS OF RHODESIA AND SOUTH AFRICA BEGIN A CRUCIAL SUMMIT OVER A US-BRITISH PLAN TO END THE ESCALATING RACE WAR."

HAK PLANNED TALKS WITH NYERERE TO ARRANGE A CONSTITUTIONAL CONFERENCE FOR NAMIBIA, WHICH WOULD BRING TOGETHER FOR FIRST TIME SWAPO AND SOUTH AFRICA REPRESENTATIVES. NUJOMO UNCLASSIFIED

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REPORTEDLY WILL MEET HAK BEFORE SECRETARY GOES TO LUSAKA.

HAK PLANS TO TRAVEL TO SOUTH AFRICA ON FRIDAY, "BECOMING THE HIGHEST RANKING AMERICAN OFFICIAL TO HAVE VISITED THAT RACIALLY-SEGREGATED NATION, TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM PRIME MINISTER VORTSER ON HIS TALKS WITH SMITH.

"REPORTERS ABOARD THE KISSINGER PLANE WERE TOLD SMITH MUST ACCEPT THE PRINCIPLE OF MAJORITY RULE IN RHODESIA BEFORE KISSINGER WILL CONSIDER MEETING HIM."

"OTHER DEVELOPMENTS DISCLOSED BY SENIOR US OFFICIALS:

--US NOW HAS EVIDENCE SOUTH AFRICA HAS WITHDRAWN FROM RHODESIA ITS SIZEABLE POLICE FORCE AND PILOTS FOR A HELICOPTER SQUADRON AND IS 'CONGESTING' RAIL TRAFFIC TO CHOKES OFF THE SMITH REGIME'S MAIN LIFELINE TO THE WEST.

-- KISSINGER PLANS TWO SEPARATE MEETINGS IN SOUTH AFRICA THIS WEEKEND WITH LEADING OPPONENTS OF APARTHEID, INSTITUTIONALIZED SEPARATION OF THE RACES.

"THE FIRST SESSION WILL BE WITH BLACK AND MIXED RACE REPRESENTATIVES IN THE LEGISLATURE AND THE SECOND WITH BLACK OPINION LEADERS.

"VORSTER REPORTEDLY PLANS TO ANNOUNCE CHANGES IN THE APARTHEID SYSTEM BEFORE HAK ARRIVES FRIDAY, WHICH MAY SOMEWHAT RELIEVE THE PRESSURE ON THE AMERICAN POLICY-MAKER TO MAKE CLEAR STRONG US OPPOSITION TO SOUTH AFRICA'S RACIST POLICIES.

CHICAGO TRIBUNE -- (JOHN MACLEAN FROM DAR)

"THE SOVIET UNION IS WORKING TO DISRUPT SECSTATE KISSINGER'S AFRICAN SHUTTLE DIPLOMACY WITH A SEPARATE DIPLOMATIC EFFORT, A SENIOR US OFFICIAL SAID TUESDAY.

"JUST BEFORE KISSINGER LANDED HERE ON THE FIRST STOP OF HIS SHUTTLE, THE OFFICIAL DESCRIBED FOR NEWS- UNCLASSIFIED

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MEN SOVIET EFFORTS TO PERSUADE BLACK AFRICANS THAT HAK'S MISSION REINFORCES BLACK-WHITE DIVISIONS AND CONTINUES THE SPREAD OF CAPITALISM.

"THE OFFICIAL ADDED THAT WHILE HE CONSIDERS THE SOVIET EFFORTS 'UNHELPFUL,' HE DOES NOT EXPECT THE SOVIET OBSTRUCTION TO SUCCEED."

OTHER MACLEAN POINTS INCLUDED:

--MET BY DEMONSTRATORS
--GOT ISSUED MODERATE STATEMENT, OPPOSING OUTSIDE INTERVENTION AND CALLING FOR US SUPPORT OF LIBERATION MOVEMENTS.
--HAK ARRIVAL STATEMENT
-- LEAVES THURSDAY FOR LUSAKA AND PRETORIA.

"THEN HE (HAK) WILL DECIDE WHETHER TO SWING BACK THROUGH THE BLACK STATES, WITH THE LIKELIHOOD STRONG THAT HE WILL."

PIECE FINISHED UP WITH MENTION OF SMITH-VORSTER MEETING.

WIRES:

AP -- (DAR ES SALAAM)
"SECSTATE KISSINGER MET TODAY WITH NYERERE, FOREWARNED THAT TANZANIA'S LEADER WANTS QUICK EFFECTIVE AMERICAN ACTION TO END THE RULE OF THE WHITE MINORITY IN SOUTHERN AFRICA."

PIECE THEN WENT ON TO DISCUSS THE TANZANIAN STATEMENT, FIRST WITH CALL FOR US SUPPORT FOR FREEDOM FIGHTERS, THEN DENUNCIATION OF VORSTER AS A "BUTCHER." STATEMENT "CONTENDED THAT HAK'S MEETINGS WITH VORSTER HAVE GIVEN THE SOUTH AFRICAN LEADER THE APPEARANCE OF 'A RESPECTABLE STATESMAN.'"

PIECE ALSO NOTED DEMONSTRATIONS AND HAK'S ARRIVAL STATEMENT BEFORE CONCLUDING WITH THE SOVIET INTERFERENCE: "A SENIOR AMERICAN OFFICIAL IN KISSINGER'S PARTY TOLD REPORTERS DURING THE FLIGHT FROM EUROPE TO TANZANIA THAT THE SOVIET GOVT IS PLOTTING ACTIVELY TO WRECK THE SECSTATE'S PEACE MISSION.

"THE OFFICIAL SAID JACOB MALIK ... IS A KEY FIGURE IN UNCLASSIFIED

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MOSCOW'S CAMPAIGN. HE SAID MALIK IS PERSONALLY WARNING AFRICAN ENVOYS AT THE UN THAT KISSINGER'S PURPOSE IS TO PRESERVE WHITE SUPREMACY IN SOUTHERN AFRICA.

"IN NEW YORK, A MEMBER OF MALIK'S STAFF SAID 'IT'S DIFFICULT TO SEE' HOW HIS CHIEF COULD BE DOING THAT SINCE HE HAS BEEN IN THE SOVIET UNION SINCE MID-JULY FOR VACATION AND AN OPERATION.

"THE AMERICAN OFFICIAL SAID THE CAMPAIGN IS ALSO BEING PRESSED BY MOSCOW'S PROPAGANDA MEDIA AND SOVIET AMBASSADORS IN AFRICA AND ASIA."

REUTERS -

NO NELSON. REUTERS RAN PIECE BY BARRY MOODY, DATED DAR. ONLY ITEM DIFFERENT FROM POST OR TIMES CONCERNED SOVIET INTERFERENCE: "US OFFICIALS WITH DR KISSINGER YESTERDAY SAID SOVIET DIPLOMATS AT THE UN HAD BEEN SPREADING WORD THAT SECSTATE'S ATTEMPTS TO NEGOTIATE SOLUTIONS IN RHODESIA AND NAMIBIA WERE DESIGNED TO KEEP WESTERN CAPITALISM IN SOUTHERN AFRICA. SIMILAR ALLEGATIONS HAVE BEEN MADE IN THE OFFICIAL PRESS HERE...."

UPI - (DAR ES SALAAM, BY JIM ANDERSON)

HENRY KISSINGER MET WITH TANZANIAN PRESIDENT JULIUS NYERERE TODAY TO BEGIN HIS SHUTTLE DIPLOMACY AIMED AT TRYING TO AVOID AN ALL-OUT RACIAL WAR IN SOUTHERN AFRICA.

THE MAJOR TOPIC OF KISSINGER'S TALK WITH NYERERE WAS EXPECTED TO BE RHODESIA, WHERE BLACK NATIONALISTS ARE WAGING A GUERRILLA WAR AGAINST THE COUNTRY'S WHITE REGIME.

NYERERE -- ONE OF THE FOUR "FRONTLINE" PRESIDENTS IN BLACK AFRICA -- IS REGARDED AS A KEY FIGURE IN THE COALITION OF BLACK COUNTRIES THAT OPPOSE THE RHODESIAN WHITE MINORITY REGIME OF PRESIDENT IAN SMITH.

NYERERE HAS TOLD SOME OFFICIALS PRIVATELY HE HAS BEEN UNCLASSIFIED

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ASSURED THAT THE US PRESSURE ON THE RHODESIAN GOVT IS WORKING AND THAT SMITH EITHER WILL HAVE TO COME TO NEGOTIATIONS FOR BLACK MAJORITY RULE OR GIVE UP POWER.

RADIO-TV, WEDNESDAY MORNING, SEPT 15

CBS RADIO - BERNARD KALB

0700: A STATEMENT ISSUED BY THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION WELCOMED THE HAK INITIATIVE AS CONTAINING BOTH POSITIVE AND NEGATIVE ASPECTS -- THE POSITIVE THAT THE US HAS PUBLICLY COME OUT IN FAVOR OF BLACK MAJORITY RULE FOR RHODESIA AND NAMIBIA, THE NEGATIVE THAT THAT SUPPORT IS LINKED WITH AMERICA'S STRUGGLE AGAINST COMMUNISM, AND THAT AMERICA IS INTERESTED IN PREVENTING THE MEN WITH THE GUNS FROM TAKING OVER. BUT DESPITE THE NEGATIVE ELEMENTS, THE STATEMENT WAS SEEN AS A COMPARATIVELY MILD CRITIQUE OF US POLICY AS PERCEIVED BY BLACK AFRICA, AND IT WILL NOW BE HAK'S JOB TO TRY TO CONVINCE IMPATIENT BLACK AFRICAN LEADERS THAT THE POLICY SHOULD BE GIVEN MORE TIME TO WORK IN THE DIRECTION OF THEIR COMMON OBJECTIVE -- THE ESTABLISHMENT OF BLACK MAJORITY RULE IN BOTH RHODESIA AND NAMIBIA.

0800: THE TWO MEN SHOOK HANDS ON THE OPEN TERRACE OF A HUGE TROPICAL VILLA KNOWN AS STATE HOUSE, AND POSED FOR CAMERAMEN BEFORE RETIRING UPSTAIRS FOR THEIR CRITICAL TALKS. NO DETAILS YET, BUT THE AGENDA IS OBVIOUS. HAK IS SEEKING TO CONVINCE BLACK AFRICA THAT THERE IS A FUTURE FOR DIPLOMACY IN TRYING TO SOLVE THE DOUBLE CHALLENGE OF RHODESIA AND NAMIBIA, BLACK AFRICA CONTENDING THAT THE FUTURE CAN NOW ONLY BE DECIDED ON THE BATTLEFIELD. ARRIVING HERE LAST NIGHT, KISSINGER WAS WELCOMED AT THE AIRPORT BY A SMALL CROWD OF DEMONSTRATORS CHANTING, 'KISSINGER GO HOME', THE DEMONSTRATION CLEARLY TAKING PLACE WITH GOVT SANCTION, A WAY OF PUTTING THE SEC ON NOTICE THAT HE'LL BE CONFRONTED BY AN IMPATIENT BLACK AFRICA READY TO CHALLENGE AMERICA TO GO BEYOND SUPPORTING BLACK MAJORITY RULE TO SUPPORTING THE GUERRILLA LIBERATION FIGHTERS AS WELL IF DIPLOMACY FAILS.

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